

What is claimed is:

1. A data acquisition system comprising:  
a memory;  
a processor coupled to the memory; and  
a first communication port adapted for coupling to a vessel navigation system;  
and  
a switch, when actuated in response to an event, causes information retrieved from the vessel navigation system to be stored in memory.
2. The data acquisition system of claim 1 further comprising a display.
3. The data acquisition system of claim 2, wherein the display displays at least one entry line having at least a date and a position associated with the event.
4. The data acquisition system of claim 1 further comprises at least one of a sounder, a radar or a chart plotter.
5. The data acquisition system of claim 1 further comprising:  
an enclosure housing the memory and processor; and  
a second communication port coupled to the enclosure configured to communicate with a device remote from the enclosure.
6. The data acquisition system of claim 5, wherein the second communication port is configured to transfer information at least one of optical communication, wireless communication, via a modem or via a land-line.
7. The data acquisition system of claim 6, wherein the first communication port is coupled to a network comprising the vessel navigation system includes at least one of a sounder, a chart plotter, a radar and a digital bearing indicator.

8. The data acquisition system of claim 1 further comprising:  
a remote device selectively in communication with the memory through the second communication port.
9. The data acquisition system of claim 8, wherein the remote device is at least one of a PDA, laptop or computer.
10. A data acquisition system comprising:  
a vessel navigation system having at least one of a sounder, a chart plotter, a radar and a digital bearing indicator; and  
a data acquisition system coupled to the vessel navigation system and having a memory configured to store thereon a date and information retrieved from the vessel navigation system in response to an event.
11. A method for acquiring fishing data, comprising:  
generating a signal in response to an event; and  
automatically storing date and vessel position in a memory disposed on board a vessel in response to the signal.
12. The method of claim 11, wherein the step of generating the signal further comprising manually actuating a switch.
13. The method of claim 11 further comprising:  
storing information from a vessel navigation system in the memory in response to the signal.
14. The method of claim 13, wherein the step of storing information further comprises storing at least one of water temperature, heading, speed and depth.
15. The method of claim 11 further comprising:  
manually entering a information associated with the event.

16. The method of claim 11 further comprising:  
transferring the stored information to a remote device.
17. The method of claim 16, wherein the step of transferring further comprises establishing optical, wireless or land-line communication between the remote device and the memory on board the vessel.
18. The method of claim 11 further comprising building a database of information associated with events.
19. The method of claim 18 further comprising performing statistical analysis on the event information stored in the database.
20. The method of claim 18 further comprising displaying a selected event from the database.